IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE

SNMP RESEARCH, INC.,)
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INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)
Plaintiffs,) : No.3:12-cv-00117-CCS
v.)
AVAYA INC.,)
Defendant.	(VARLAN / SHIRLEY)

MOTION FOR ORDER AMENDING SECTION 3(a) OF THE SCHEDULING ORDER [DOC. 24]

Defendant Avaya Inc., by and through counsel, respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an order amending § 3(a) of the Scheduling Order entered May 14, 2012 [Doc. 24], to provide that the parties' Rule 26(f) meeting shall be held "within fifteen (15) days after the Court rules on Defendant's pending Motion to Dismiss Or, In The Alternative, to Transfer [Doc. 11], in the event the motion is not granted," instead of within fifteen days of the date of entry of the Scheduling Order. In support of this motion, Defendant says as follows:

- 1. On April 16, 2012, Defendant Avaya, Inc., moved to dismiss this case or, in the alternative, to transfer this case to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, where a substantially similar case was pending at the time this action was filed. [Doc. 11].
- 2. Given the pendency of Defendant's motion to dismiss or to transfer, the parties' Rule 26(f) conference and the concomitant initiation of discovery should be postponed briefly pending the Court's ruling on Defendant's motion. If Defendant's motion is granted, the initiation of discovery will have been unnecessary; should it be denied, the brief postponement of discovery will not have prejudiced any party and should not materially impact any other

deadlines in the Scheduling Order (other than the deadlines for filing a discovery plan, producing initial disclosures, and conferring regarding e-discovery, which stem from the date of the Rule 26(f) conference, there are no other deadlines for the remainder of the calendar year 2012).

- 3. By its current terms, the Scheduling Order requires the parties to hold a Rule 26(f) conference by May 29, 2012.
- 4. It should be noted that on two separate occasions previously, Plaintiffs' time to respond to Defendant's referenced motion has been extended. [Docs. 20 and 23]. As a result, the due date for Plaintiffs' response to Defendant's motion to dismiss or to transfer was extended through May 24, 2012.
- 5. Under these circumstances, to ensure that the parties and the Court's resources are not unnecessarily consumed by the initiation of discovery in this matter pending the Court's determination of whether this case should be dismissed or transferred, Defendant Avaya, Inc. respectfully requests the relief set forth herein. A memorandum of law shall be filed in further support of this motion.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Avaya, Inc., respectfully requests that an order be entered amending § 3(a) of the Scheduling Order, entered May 14, 2012 [Doc. 24], to provide that the parties' Rule 26(f) meeting shall be held "within fifteen (15) days after the Court rules on Defendant's pending Motion to Dismiss Or, In The Alternative, to Transfer [Doc. 11], in the event the motion is not granted."

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of May, 2012.

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 25th day of May, 2012, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/EFC filing system, which will electronically serve same on all counsel of record this date.

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